

## THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1 1. (currently amended) A method of monitoring activities performed at a cable television  
2 tap, the method comprising the steps of:  
3 determining whether technician data is read;  
4 storing the technician data in association with an access time and an access date upon  
5 determining that the technician data is read; ~~and~~  
6 providing data to a remote location; and  
7 associating the data with the cable television tap.
- 1 2. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising[[:]] generating  
2 a sensor signal.
- 1 3. (original) The method according to claim 2, further comprising storing the access time  
2 and the access date in response to the sensor signal.
- 1 4. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising[[:]]  
2 determining whether a port status has been modified.
- 1 5. (original) The method according to claim 4, further comprising storing the modified port  
2 status in association with the access time and access date upon determining that the port status  
3 has been modified.
- 1 6. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the data is provided at a  
2 predetermined time interval.

- 1 7. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the data is provided upon request.
- 1 8. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising[[:]] receiving  
2 the data at a computer at the remote location.
- 1 9. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising generating a  
2 report ~~base~~ based in part on the provided data.
- 1 10. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising reading technician data.
- 1 11. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising providing port status  
2 data.
- 1 12. (currently amended) A system for monitoring activities performed at a cable television  
2 tap, the system comprising: ~~the steps of:~~  
3 a controller operable to determine whether technician data is read;  
4 a memory, coupled to controller, operable to store the technician data in association with  
5 an access time and an access date upon a determination that the technician data is read; and  
6 a communication medium, coupled to the controller, operable to provide data to a remote  
7 location; and  
8 wherein the controller is operable to associate the data with the cable television tap.
- 1 13. (currently amended) The system according to claim 12, further comprising[[:]] a sensor,  
2 coupled to the controller, operable to generate a ~~sensor~~ changed status signal.
- 1 14. (currently amended) The system according to claim 13, ~~further comprising~~ wherein the  
2 memory is operable to store the access time and the access date.

1 15. (currently amended) The system according to claim 12, ~~further comprising:~~ wherein the  
2 controller is operable to determine whether a port status has been modified.

1 16. (currently amended) The system according to claim ~~[[6]]~~ 12, ~~further comprising~~ wherein  
2 the memory is operable to store the modified port status in association with the access time and  
3 access date upon a determination that the port status has been modified.

1 17. (original) The system according to claim 12, wherein the data is provided at a  
2 predetermined time interval.

1 18. (original) The system according to claim 12, wherein the data is provided upon request.

1 19. (currently amended) The system according to claim 12, further comprising~~[[:]]~~ a  
2 computer, coupled to the communication medium, operable to receive the data.

1 20. (currently amended) The system according to claim ~~[[12]]~~ 19, ~~further comprising~~  
2 wherein the computer is operable to generate a report ~~base~~ based in part on the provided data.

1 21. (original) The system according to claim 12, further comprising a reader, coupled to the  
2 controller, operable to read technician data.

1 22. (currently amended) The system according to claim 12, further comprising tap circuitry,  
2 coupled to the controller, operable to ~~providing~~ provide port status data.